TITLE 4. CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Emergency Regulation

<u>Title of Regulation:</u> **4VAC20-450. Pertaining to the Taking of Bluefish (amending 4VAC20-450-30).**

Statutory Authority: §§ 28.2-201 and 28.2-210 of the Code of Virginia.

Effective Dates: January 28, 2015, through February 26, 2015.

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Preamble:

The amendments establish the annual commercial bluefish quota as 608,230 pounds.

4VAC20-450-30. Commercial landings quota.

- A. During the period of January 1 through December 31, The annual commercial landings of bluefish shall be limited to 886,040 608,230 pounds in 2014.
- B. When it is projected that 95% of the commercial landings quota has been realized, a notice will be posted to close commercial harvest and landings from the bluefish fishery within five days of posting.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest or land bluefish for commercial purposes after the closure date set forth in the notice described in subsection B of this section.

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